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Any change to our current tax structure that does not lower the amount we pay is dangerous to those who actually pay taxes, and likely will not benefit tax payers. Beyond that, the Oregon Constitution is written the way it is to prevent this very thing from occurring, for a good reason.

We should not be reallocating where our property taxes are spent. The State of Oregon has not been responsible with our tax dollars and it shows when you look around and see tent cities, the incredible rise in crime and its laws with regard to drugs as well as its soft on crime policies.

I dont believe the State will use any newly acquired money for anything valid. The State of Oregon has been irresponsible with tax dollars over the last 15 years, why would they start behaving now? It wasn't long ago they wanted to give every transient in Oregon \$1000 per month.

If the State actually used the newly acquired money for law enforcement services, or as they like to call it "Public Safety", it will likely only be given to the State Police which the Governor has full control of. Do we really need more standard issue street soldiers who are happy to bend the knee to the Governor and enforce her will?

If the State is truly committed to public safety they should stop waisting money on frivolous endeavors which benefit no one. Give all of that waisted money to the Counties who can then increase their resources such as local police, fire services, EMS, mental heath, jails ect.... I know they wont because that means the State would have to give up control, and they are not about that.

The only thing holding the counties back from fixing the problem (s) the State created, is ridiculous State laws created by the State of Oregon and a lack of support by the State to the counties.

Until Oregon gets right on a State level, I choose to keep my tax dollars working for me in the county I live in.

Thank you